

Summit Pets



Twenty-five years ago, Ruth Hughes, ran her business in a 5 ft. x 10 ft. retail rental space. Today, she and her son, Dwight, operate the business in a building Ruth purchased in 1995, with a loan guaranteed by the U. S. Small Business Administration. Ruth is very proud of the fact that her SBA guaranteed loan will be paid in full in five years.

Summit Pets is located in a building originally used as a bank and built in 1914. Ruth has preserved as much of the historical part of the building as possible. Ruth and Dwight sell, small animals, such as birds, mammals, reptiles, fish, dog supplies, cat supplies, Science Diet food, Eukanuba food, and Salt City Candles.

When Ruth borrowed the money to purchase the building she currently occupies, one of her goals was to be located on Main Street. Ruth takes pride in the block she is on. Every year she plants flowers and cares for them. Ruth started pride awareness in her block with other businesses. Every morning she goes in early and waters and weeds not only her plants, but the rest of the block. This has sparked interest and now other stores in the downtown area are starting to plant trees and flowers.



According to Ruth, she obtained much of her entrepreneurial experience on the job training. She is a self starter, has stability and truly enjoys teaching others how to take care of their pets. Providing quality customer service is of utmost importance to Ruth and Dwight! Ruth's motto is "You have better success if you pick the hardest thing to do in the hardest place you can find."

Ruth has tremendous support from her husband, Victor, a retired maintenance worker with 35 years in the Uinta County School District. Ruth has two sons and one grandchild.

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